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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Thomas G. Mason et al.

U. S. Serial No. 09/818,435 .

Filed: March 27, 2001

DISAGGREGATION OF ASPHALTENES IN
INCOMPATIBLE PETROLEUM OIL
MIXTURES

) Before the Examiner
) Nadine G. Norton
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) Confirmation Number: 2059
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) Group Art Unit: 1764
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) Family Number: P2001J013

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 20, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method to disaggregate asphaltenes in petroleum oils and mixtures of petroleum oils, and/or refinery streams comprising mild heating, the disaggregated asphaltenes remaining soluble in the petroleum oils and mixtures of petroleum oils and/or refinery process streams.

I hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis for believing that this correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on September 17, 2002.

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